

01214 - MEDICAL APARTHEID JUSTICE IS POLITICALLY DEPENDENT

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Objectives:

Dr Hahnemann survived by the grace of Grand Duke Ferdinand. Dr Lehmann, by virtue of Duke Henry. Their survival was political. Homeopathy's survival is political – the objective of this presentation. Conventional medicine (CM) established the American Medical Association (AMA) which acted as an Apartheid institution since the 1850s. Harris Coulter, who documented the AMA, wrote that “true reform” is political. CM globally continues with the AMA's Apartheid, however, its severity varies between countries. The political link is pertinent since the author was a political refugee from South Africa's Apartheid Regime from 1976 to 1993. Furthermore, Prof Vithoulkas and Dr Oberbaum described the Apartheid nature of CM, without employing the term, Apartheid.

Methods:

An analysis of Apartheid, which is a crime against humanity.
An analysis that CM acts as an Apartheid entity.
An analysis of the essence of the profession as Medicine Qua Medicine (MQM) and a Technoscience.
An analysis that therapeutic equity lies with Governments.

Results:

CM acts as an Apartheid institution. Its political tactics resulted in its hegemony, and parallel universes of medicine, while maintaining its hegemony via “science”, RCTs, etc., despite CM and homeopathy being incommensurable systems.
The profession is a Technoscience. Its principles determine evidence, even of incommensurable systems comparatively.
The profession is MQM, “a right and good healing action taken in the interest of a particular patient” (Pellegrino). Homeopathy fulfils MQM, which CM fails. Consequently, patients abandon CM, then, may consider homeopathy.
Through political action, and more, South Africa's Apartheid was defeated.

Conclusions:

A program of action is required for homeopathy's survival, since CM stifles homeopathy with its “hotly” and “bitterly” argued evidence requirements (Rawlins, Charlton).
The counter-arguments for survival for presentation to Governments, as the entities administering societal justice, are that the profession is a Technoscience, like NASA, and MQM. Employing Technoscience's principles would settle any evidence arguments with CM unquestionably and permanently.
Historically, homeopathy works, which NASA deems mature products. It worked supremely effective in epidemics ±200 years ago (Bellavite) - definitely not “small effects” (Mathie)! NASA rules that one does not experiment on a mature product, to know if it can work. Homeopathy works, whether we know how it works or not (Le Fanu)! One demonstrate how well it works, via real-life demonstrations by exemplary clinicians, performed via applicable studies.

The author was invited to a technical session of the CCRH at LMHI 2011 to present the above, but the band played on, and on. Why? Researchers accepted CM's standards, as advocated in, Scientific Framework of Homeopathy. Hence, at that CCRH session's conclusion, the moderator summarised all papers, except the author's. Power, and the narrative, in homeopathy and CM, now rest with researchers. Clinicians do MQM, but are minions (O'Mahony, Porter). Homeopathy ensnared itself.

Irrespective, lobby Governments, and publish if possible, wherever, the above counter-arguments forcefully. However, a homeopathic editor rejected the above as "extreme attacks" on CM. Dr Oberbaum is vindicated. We act like "abused children", fear "making waves". But, homeopathy is too ensnared to make waves. Who will deliver us?